

**COVENTRY AND WARWICKSHIRE AND SOUTH EAST LEICESTERSHIRE  
JOINT COMMITTEE**

**21 NOVEMBER 2014**

1. **Introduction**

At the last meeting of this group, I agreed to prepare for this meeting a draft consultation paper for an Economic Prosperity Board, supported by Jenni Venn and David Carter.

2. **Action**

2.1 A further draft consultation document and supporting Appendices are attached to this covering paper.

2.2 If members are minded to agree the version circulated, I should point out the following:

- \* 'Voting' rights are 1 Council:1 Vote. You may wish to define areas/ issues where more than a simple majority is required. There are precedents for this in the Greater Manchester and other joint arrangements (usually two-thirds).
- \* There is no provision currently for membership/representation (as a 'non-constituent' member) from the LEP. You may want to consider this.
- \* If/when we consult, should there be a broader public consultation?

2.3 I trust that these papers meet the commitment from the last meeting. However, I recognise that a decision on next steps will be influenced by the recent announcement from the West Midlands. Hopefully, these papers will assist that consideration.

2.4 **Recommendations**

The Joint Committee

i) notes the work completed since the last meeting, and

ii) either:

gives consideration, informed by these papers, to the potential for a Combined Authority and the timescale for that consideration;

or:

ii) initiates an immediate formal consultation on an Economic Prosperity Board, on the basis of the papers attached, amended in the light of discussion at this meeting.